

PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3663

Application No.: 10/733,464

Examiner: E. PIPALA

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For: CURVE'S RADIUS ESTIMATION DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 10, 2007 Office Action, the December 12, 2007 personal interview and after entry of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Pipala in the December 12 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-6, 16 and 18 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the withdrawal of the April 20, 2007 Restriction requirement.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-6, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Butsuen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,467,283). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, Butsuen at least does not disclose "a base value estimation part that estimates the curve's radius as a base value on the basis of the actual vehicle speed and the actual yaw rate but not of the steering angle; and an estimation